

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carol Voorhees, Micheal Bjorklund, Al Watson, Jim Thraen, those who serve in the military, families or victims of war, those affected by natural disasters, and those in nursing homes or are homebound.

Family and friends of Donna Christiansen, *who passed away*.  
Jessica Forcella's youngest grandson, Nathan: *for healing after surgery*.  
Evelyn Lindstrom: *for healing*.  
Paul Hansen (*Griffin's Daycare Provider's spouse*) *for strength and healing as he goes through cancer treatment*.  
Nevaeh Marshall: *for strength and peace*.  
People of Israel and Palestine: *for peace and protection from violence*.  
People of Ukraine: *for peace and safety*.  
People of Venezuela and Iran: *for peace and safety*.

## WORSHIP SERVANTS at FIRST

### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29:

**Ushers:** *Dick Smith, Judy Buro, Brian Erdahl*  
**Lector:** *Steve Just*                      **Nursery:** *Jone Anderson*  
**Acolytes:** *Kenzi Just & Wes Odello*  
**Video:** *Mike Odello*                      **TV slides:** *Sawyer Fynboh*  
**Accompanist:** *Jennie Odello*

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

**Ushers:** *Steve & Michelle Just, Dennis Feuchtenberger*  
**Lector:** *Allyn Plattner*                      **Nursery:** *Robi Bowman*  
**Acolytes:** *Gage & Wyatt Schultz*  
**Communion Prep:** *Laurie Feuchtenberger*  
**Communion Server:** *Vicki Dalager*  
**Video:** *Dave Jungst*                      **TV slides:** *Brayden Carlson*  
**Accompanist:** *Suzanne Smith*

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5:

**Ushers:** *Bob Heck, Al & Julie Monroe, Jon Ulrich*  
**Lector:** *Lindy Ekola*                      **Nursery:** *Bobbi Siegel*  
**Acolytes:** *Zoe Krosch & Lucy Feuchtenberger*  
**Communion Prep:** *Kahla Gillespie*  
**Communion Server:** *Millie Tschetter*  
**Video:** *Tony Feuchtenberger*                      **TV slides:** *Connor Siegel*  
**Accompanist:** *Suzanne Smith*



# PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

*Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified kind and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.*

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*Hymns and liturgy are located in the red hymnal unless noted otherwise.*

*\* indicates to stand if able*

## GATHERING

Prelude & Bell

\* *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

**Hosanna in the highest.**

\* Processional Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

\* Blessing of the Palms

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.***

*Let us pray...*

*Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.***

*Following the pastor, the congregation processes into the sanctuary, waving palms, while singing the following hymn.*

\* Entrance Hymn: "All Glory, Laud and Honor" #344 (vs 1-4)

**Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor,  
to you, redeemer, king  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**

1. You are the Kind of Israel,  
and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
our King and Blessed One. **Refrain**

2. The company of angels  
are praising you on high,  
creation and all mortals  
in chorus make reply. **Refrain**

3. The multitude of pilgrims  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present. **Refrain**

4. To you, before your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. **Refrain**

*Text: Theodulph of Orleans. Music: Melchoir Teschner. Public Domain*

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**Hosanna in the highest.**

Welcome & Announcements

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Prayer of the Day

## WORD

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Children's Message

Message

Hymn of the Day: "My Song is Love Unknown" #343 (vs 1-5)

Statement of Faith: Apostle's Creed pg. 217

Prayers of the Church: *Hear us, O God.* **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing the Peace

## THANKSGIVING

Special Music by choir (during Offering)

\* Canticle of Thanksgiving pg. 219

\* Thanksgiving for the Word pg. 220

\* The Lord's Prayer

## SENDING

\* Blessing

\* Sending Hymn: "Lamb of God" #336

Dismissal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FIRST and FEDERATED

**Palm Sunday Brunch** stay following today's worship for a brunch served from 10:30-11:15am. On the menu: egg bake, muffins, orange slices, coffee and milk. Suggested donation of \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids with proceeds going to the Music Scholarship Fund.

### Upcoming Worship Schedule

- Maundy Thursday, April 2 at FIRST: 6:30pm
- Good Friday, April 3 at FEDERATED: 6:30pm
- Easter Sunday, April 5: 8:30am Breakfast at FEDERATED | 9:30am Worship at FEDERATED | 11:00am Worship at FIRST

**Pastor Matt at Common Cup** on Thursdays from 11am - 1pm. Come by for a cup of coffee or just to say hello.

**Morris Area School Snack Collection** DEADLINE TODAY! A donation box is located in the upper Narthex at FIRST. The suggested snack list is posted on the donation box.

**MN Food Share March Campaign** Stevens County Food Shelf Drive ENDS TODAY! Food shelf items, along with monetary donations will be taken. Items such as shelf-stable foods, personal hygiene items, or household items are needed.

**Lunch Bunch** meets on Wednesday, April 1st at 11:30am at Prime Steakhouse in Morris. Order off the menu, pay your own way. All are welcome to join us for food and fellowship!

**Church Collaboration Voting** A congregational vote will take place in April to decide whether or not to continue the collaboration between First and Federated. Ballots will be available at church on: Sunday, April 12 at FIRST and Sunday, April 19 at FEDERATED. If you are unable to be in church to vote on these dates, you can call the church office and request a ballot be mailed to you. You may also vote in person during church office hours between April 13 and April 24. Voting closes on April 24. More details are listed in our April newsletter.

**First Lutheran WELCA** will meet on Sunday, April 12 during coffee hour.

**One Great Hour of Sharing/UMCOR Sunday** On Sunday, April 19th, Federated will be taking a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing (UCC) and UMCOR (UMC). This offering supports the disaster, refugee and development ministries of the UCC within Wider Church Ministries, and enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief to reach out through worldwide ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. Please make checks payable to Federated and write "OGHS/UMCOR" in the memo line. We will be dividing what is collected on Sunday, April 19th between the UCC & the UMC.

**Holy Humor Sunday** Holy Humor Sunday is a way of continuing the Easter celebration in creative and hilarious ways. The custom is centuries old, and comes from the idea of some early church theologians that God played a joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. We will be celebrating Holy Humor Sunday on April 19. The theme this year is the story of Noah's Ark. You are invited and encouraged to wear bright colors and have a joke ready to share.

**Global Barnyard Noisy Offering** Pick up a God's Global Barnyard box and collect your loose change for the noisy offering challenge that will be collected during worship on Sunday, April 12. The collected funds will then be spent on ELCA Good Gifts chosen by the Sunday School class to help families escape the cycle of hunger and poverty.

**Women's Glacial Ridge Spring Gathering** will be held at First Lutheran on Saturday, April 18 with registration beginning at 9:00am. Registration is \$15 at the door. Featured local musicians are Ken & Linda Hodgson and Lisa Winter. Education by "If Wishes Were Horses" of Morris. Refreshments served at 9:30am. 10am free program open to the public.

**Pastoral Visits** If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff cannot contact the church without permission.

**Element** (*grades 6-8*) and **Fusion** (*grades 9-12*)

Element does not meet during Lent; please attend the Wednesday night services. Classes resume on Wednesday, April 8 from 6:30-8:00pm. Fusion will meet on Fridays for Breakfast & Bible.

**Federated Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday by phone or email from 9am-12pm; in office days on Wednesday 8:30am-3pm and Friday 8:30am-12pm.

**First Office Hours:** Rita is available Monday through Thursday from 8am to 4pm by phone, text or email; with in office days on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9am-12pm.

**Zipporah Bible Study** meets at 2:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the fellowship hall at FIRST. All are welcome to join us!

**Share & Care** This group puts quilts together for Lutheran World Relief and meets at 9:00am on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month in the sewing room at FIRST. All are welcome to join us. Sewing skills not needed as there are many other tasks to work on.